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Patent
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Applicant: Louis-Philippe Vézina et al.
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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of practice, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for extension of time from March 18, 2003 to April 18, 2003 accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at line 1 of page 5 by the following paragraph:

-- plasmid was named pBI201 and was used for further constructs. Various deletion fragments of pGPlas3-2 were transcriptionally and translationally fused at the 5'terminus of the GUS reporter gene in pBI201 and these were used for transitory expression studies using DNA bombardment. Upon identification of the adequate deletion fragment, it was subcloned into a binary plant expression vector such as pBI101 (Clontech). These recombinant plasmids were used for stable integration through *A. tumefaciens* infection as described below. --